

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Enclosed are Replacement Sheets for Drawing Sheet Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the drawings originally filed with this patent application.

Also enclosed are copies of the original drawings, marked to show the corrections.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Official Action dated September 20, 2005 for the above identified patent application.

The Examiner's indication at page 5, paragraph 7 of the Official Action, that Claims 1 - 20 are directed to allowable subject matter, is gratefully acknowledged by the Applicant.

The present application is the United States National Phase of International Patent Application PCT/SE03/1258, and claims priority from Swedish Patent Application No. 0202381-0, filed August 8, 2002. The cover sheet of the Official Action fails to acknowledge the claim for priority. Applicant respectfully requests that both the claim for priority, and the receipt of the copy of the priority document from the International Bureau, be acknowledged by the Examiner.

At page 2, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Official Action, the Examiner has objected to the original drawings. In response to these objections, Applicant has filed Replacement Sheets making the appropriate corrections. The reference numeral 36 in Figures 5 and 6 has now been replaced by reference numeral 28, to conform the drawing to the disclosure at page 3, last paragraph, line 1, and page 5, first full paragraph, of the original specification. Figures 8 and 9 have been revised to add the omitted reference numerals noted in the Official Action. (Reference numerals 39,

40 have been deleted from Figure 9 since the bolts 39, 40 are only shown in Figure 8). Support for these revisions to the drawings is found at page 6, last paragraph of the original Specification.

Figure 7 has been revised to add reference numeral 52 to designate a lock, and the specification has been revised at page 5, second full paragraph, line 8 to recite "lock 52" to conform to the reference numeral added to Figure 7 as designating the lock. Additionally, reference numeral 39 in Figure 6 has been changed to 53 (and the specification has been amended accordingly at page 5, first full paragraph, line 2), since reference numeral 39 has been used to designate a different element (bolt 39 in Figure 8, described at page 6, last paragraph, line 2, of the specification).

Although not mentioned in the Official Action, Figure 8 has been revised to include a reference numeral 51, to conform to the disclosure at page 7, lines 1 - 2 of the original specification; and Figure 10 has also been revised to designate the bolt as reference numeral 39 and the sleeve as reference numeral 44 to conform to Figures 8 and 9 of the drawings and to page 6, last paragraph of the specification.

A Replacement Abstract has also been filed to correct a minor typographical error in the original Abstract.

At page 3, paragraph 3 of the Official Action, the Examiner has raised certain formal objections to the specification. In response to these objections, Figure 6 of the drawings has been revised to remove the bottom of the sleeve 35, to conform to the disclosure at page 5, line 3 of the original specification. As noted above, the cover illustrated in Figure 6 and disclosed at page 5, line 4 of the specification, is now designated by reference numeral 53.

The objection to the identification of the "lock" as reference numeral 39, at page 5, line 15 of the Specification, has been corrected, as noted above, by adding reference numeral 52 to properly designate the lock illustrated revising the specification to refer to the new reference numeral 52 as designating the lock illustrated in Figure 7.

Each of the revisions to the drawing is supported by the disclosure of the original specification, and each of the revisions to the specification is supported by the original drawings. Accordingly, the revisions to the form of the drawings and specification do not add new matter to this patent application.

At page 3, paragraph 4 of the Official Action, Claims 1 - 20 have been objected to on the grounds that reference numerals used in the claims do not match reference numerals for corresponding elements in the specification and drawings. At page 4, paragraph

6 of the Official Action, Claims 1 - 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The form of Claims 1 - 20 has been revised to overcome both the claim objections and the formal grounds of rejection raised against the claims in the Official Action. To simplify the issues, all reference numerals have been deleted from the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the form of the claims, as revised herein, complies with 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, in all respects.

At page 4, paragraph 6 of the Official Action, the Examiner has inquired as to whether the means recited at line 2 of Claim 1 is the same or different from the hole recited in the last line of Claim 1. In fact, the means recited at line 2 of Claim 1 (which is generally referred to at page 5, second full paragraph, line 8 of the specification) as cooperating with the lock, is different from the hole in the pillar recited at the last line of Claim 1. As disclosed in the Specification, the hole in the pillar is adapted to receive a bolt of the door for advantageously cooperating in the transmission of force between the door and the pillar in the event that the vehicle is involved in an accident (See, for example, page 4, last full paragraph of the original specification). Since the lock and the cooperating means recited at line 2 of Claim 1 are completely different structure from the pillar and the hole recited at the end of the claim, and since the lock and cooperating means are not necessary

to the patentability of the claim, Applicant has revised the preamble of independent Claim 1 to delete reference to the lock and the cooperating means on the pillar in order to avoid any potential confusion in the interpretation of independent Claim 1.

Applicant notes that Claims 1 - 10 are directed to a vehicle with a door, while Claims 11 - 20 are directed to a vehicle door. Original Claims 6 and 7, which were directed to a vehicle, were incorrectly revised in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the original application papers to recite a "vehicle door". The form of Claims 6 and 7 has been revised herein so that the preamble recites a "vehicle" and not a "vehicle door", to conform to the preamble of original Claims 6 and 7.

At page 5, paragraph 7 of the Official Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 - 20 are directed to allowable subject matter, and will be allowed after the formal grounds of rejection have been corrected.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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FIG 2

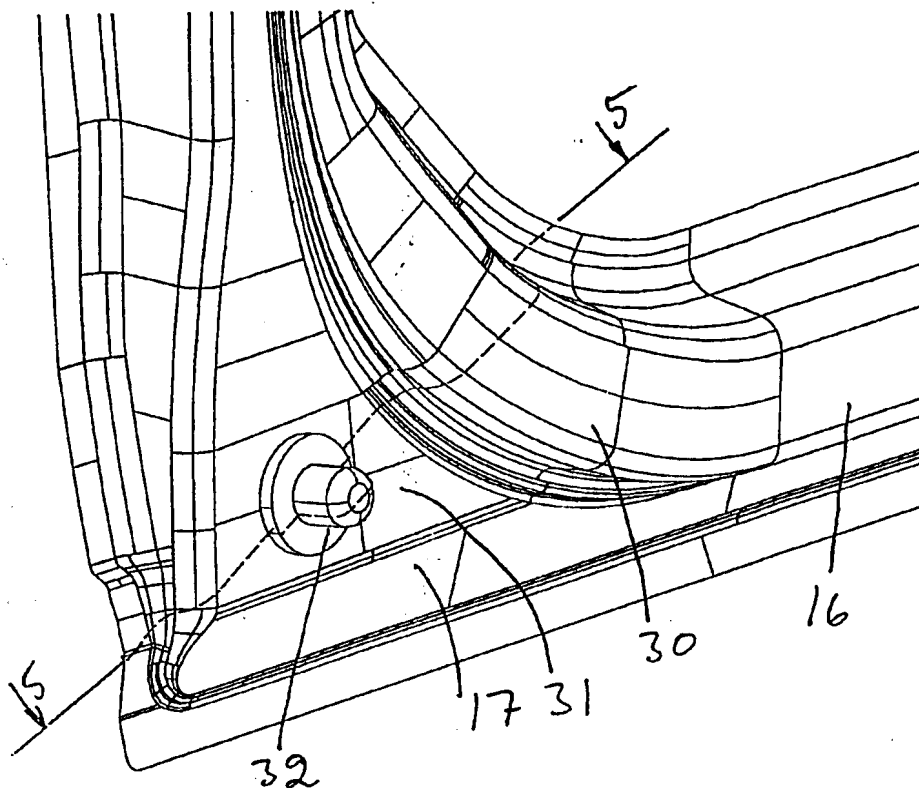
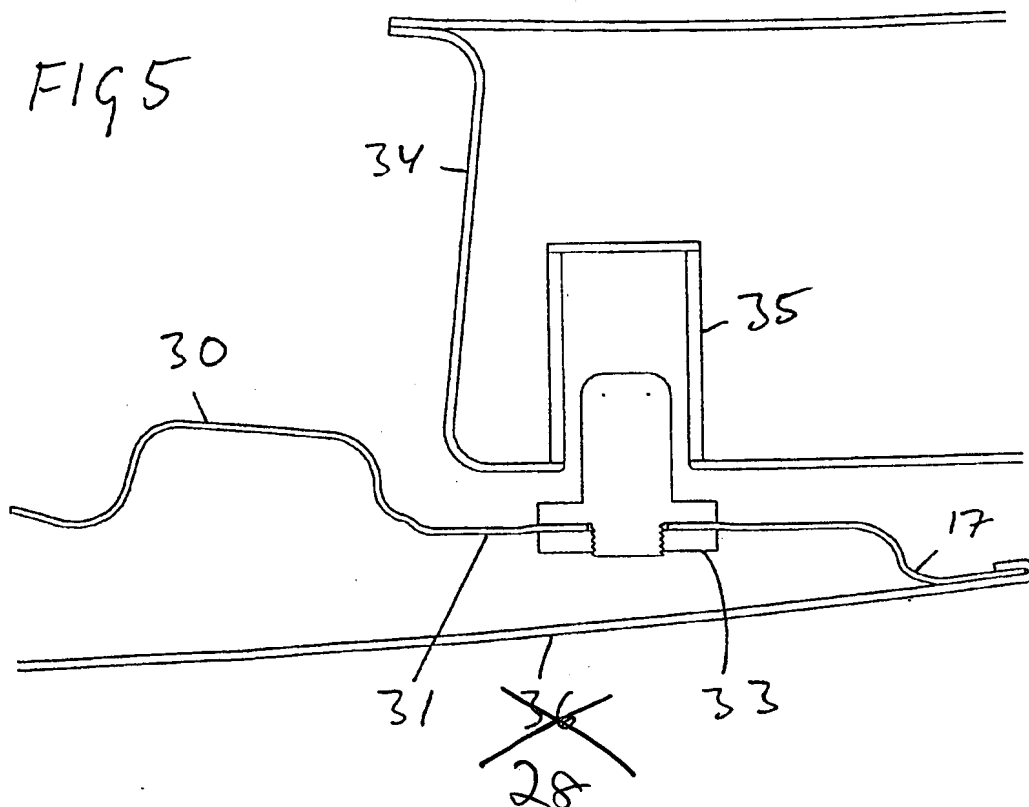


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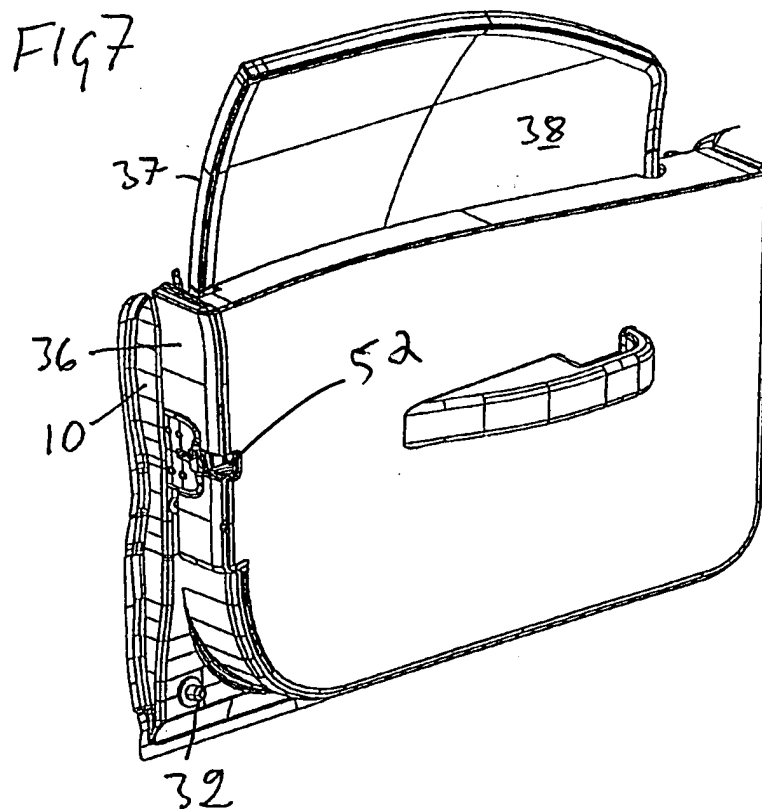
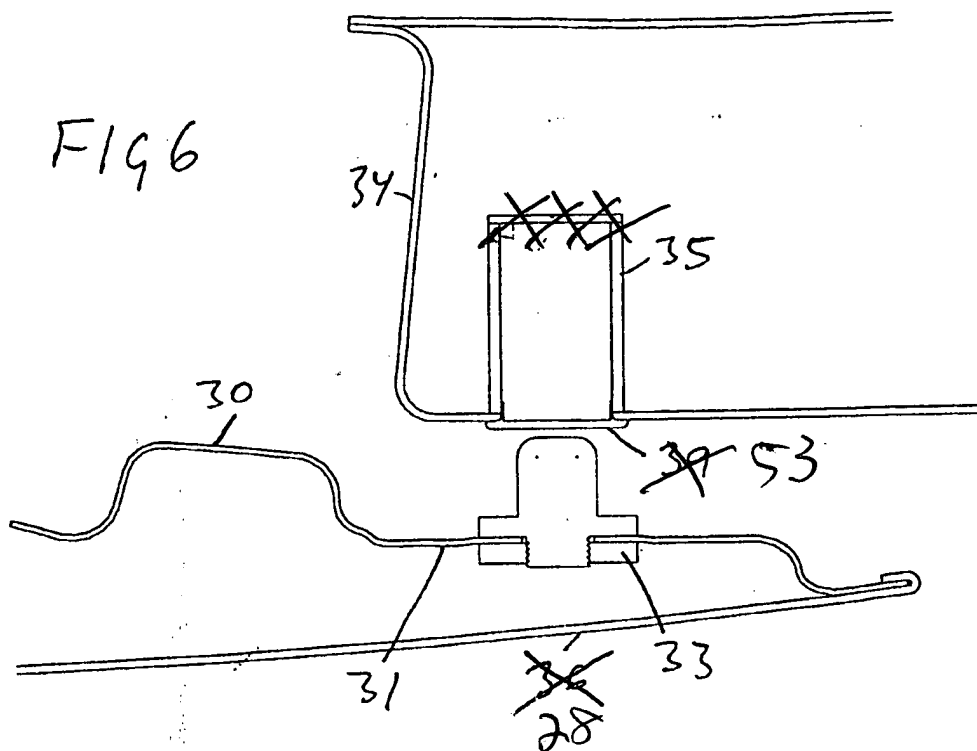


FIG 10

